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Mentally Challenged Children
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any training centres for teachers who teach mentally challenged children in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has signed any agreement with any national and international organisation in this regard;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the funds allocated by the Union Government to the States including Rajasthan in this regard during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e) There are 183 training centres for teachers who teach mentally challenged children, which are registered with National Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad, an autonomous body under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing a scheme namely, Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) under which grant-in-aid is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for running various projects for the welfare of persons with Disabilities including Diploma courses in Special Education/ Manpower Development Projects for benefit of mentally challenged children. 6 Special Education Centres are assisted under DDRS.

As per information received from the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities no agreement has been signed with national and international organization in this regard. No funds are released to States/ UTs directly under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS).
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